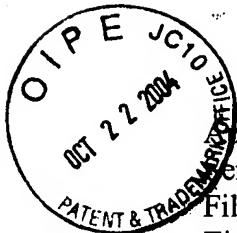


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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.181

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181 and in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed September 21, 2004, the applicant hereby petitions to withdraw a holding of abandonment of the above-identified patent application. As asserted in the Notice of Abandonment, the application was abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2004.

The Office Action mailed on April 23, 2004, is a non-final action with a period for reply set to expire three (3) months from the mailing date of the communication. Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a), extensions of time are made available upon payment of extension fees up to a period of six (6) months from the mailing date of the communication. In this case, six (6) months from the mailing date of the Office Action is October 23, 2004, which is a Saturday. Thus, a timely reply may be filed up until October 25, 2004, provided that proper extension fees under 37 CFR §1.136(a) are paid. The reply, along with a petition for a three (3) month extension of time and the corresponding fee, are filed concurrently herewith (i.e., on October 22, 2004).

Based on the facts set forth above, the applicant submits that the Notice of Abandonment was sent in error by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and that the reply to this action has

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been timely filed. Therefore, the applicant requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

No fee is believed to be due at this time. However, if Applicant is incorrect, please apply any charges and/or credits to Deposit Account Number 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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